

# **Department of Biology Newsletter**

**January 20, 2017** 

### UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA

# Congratulations Biology Graduate Students Fall 2016!

The Department of Biology congratulates the graduate students who graduated in the Fall of 2016.

Annette Alber PhD Supervisor: Dr. Jürgen Ehlting Daniel Durston MSc Supervisor: Dr. Rana El-Sabaawi

Laura Kennedy MSc Supervisors: Drs. Francis Juanes and Rana El-Sabaawi

Giulia Rossi MSc Supervisor: Dr. Verena Tunnicliffe

Phillip-Edouard Shay (PES) PhD Supervisors: Drs. Peter Constabel and John A. Trofymow

# Welcome to our New Graduate Students Starting January 2017

Rhonda Reidy (Dr. Francis Juanes Lab) Haewon Shin (Dr. Steve Perlman Lab)



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# **Upcoming Seminars. Everyone Welcome!**

<u>Biology</u>	Biology	<u>Biology</u>	Biology
Dr. Inigo Novales Flamarique Adjunct Professor, Simon Fraser University	Dr. Michael Deyholos Department of Biology, UBC Okanagan, Kelowna	<u><b>Dr. Patrick Ferree</b></u> Assistant Professor, Claremont College, CA	<u><b>Dr. Dae-Kyun Ro</b></u> Associate Professor, Biochemistry University of Calgary
"Polarization vision in the animal kingdom and the special case of the anchovy"	"Using genomics to accelerate discoveries in plant sciences"	"Unrest from within the genome: elucidating the targets of sex ratio distorting agents"	"TBA"
Friday, January 20, 2017 at 2:30 pm in MSB 150	Friday, January 27, 2017 at 2:30 pm in MSB 150	Friday February 3, 2017 at 2:30 pm in MSB 150	Friday February 24, 2017 at 2:30 pm in MSB 150 Page 1

### Calendar

**Important Dates:** 

Friday, January 20, 2017 Last day for adding courses that begin in the second

term

**Tuesday, January 31, 2017** Last day for paying second term fees without penalty.

Senate meets

**Tuesday, February 7, 2017** Last day for 50% reduction of tuition fees for standard

courses. 100% of tuition fees will be assessed for courses dropped after this date.

For non-standard courses see www.registrar.uvic.ca

Monday, February 13, 2017 Family Day

Monday-Friday February 13-17, 2017 Reading Break for all Faculties

Tuesday, February 28, 2017 Last day for withdrawing from full year and second term courses without penalty

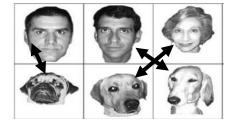
### **Announcements**

Friday, February 3, 2017

#### **Obituary**

We fondly remember Greig Cosier, a custodian in the Cunningham Building and regular participant in the Biology Graduate Student Symposium for many years, who passed away January 7, 2017. Greig worked with Facilities Management for over 24 years and was well known for his cheery smile and positive words. He was recognized for his special contributions to graduate students and the science community at UVic. In addition to supporting students through his attendance at many thesis defences and our Graduate Student Symposium, Greig created the Custodians Trophy, an awards dinner for hard-working graduate students and a stipend for graduate students in the sciences. Graig was true to his belief in the power of generosity and concern for others, and he will be missed. Links to the obituary and a FMGT story about Greig are below:

http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/timescolonist/obituary.aspx?page=lifestory&pid=183574825 http://www.uvic.ca/facilities/about/news/current/2014-june-greg-cosier.php



<u>Congratuations</u> to Dr. Terri Lacourse, who is the winner of the "Biology Pet Owner Contest" with 6 correct answers!

Readers with a scientific inclination will want to read "Dogs Still Do Resemble Their Owners", a peer-reviewed paper published in *Psychological Science*: <a href="http://pss.sagepub.com.ezproxy.library.uvic.ca/content/16/9/743.full.pdf+html">http://pss.sagepub.com.ezproxy.library.uvic.ca/content/16/9/743.full.pdf+html</a>

#### **Correct Answers**

Dr. Tom Reimchen – Mukpi
Dr. Verena Tunnicliffe – Jerry
Dr. Patrick von Aderkas – Charlie
Chantal Laliberté – Lola
Michael Minkley – Jasmine and Cali
Dr. Neville Winchester – Acer
Therese Frauendorf – Chango
Laura Alcaraz-Sehn – Chewy
Dr. Barbara Hawkins – Chocolat
Dr. Oliver Krupke – Tomato



If you have an event or story you would like to share in the Biology Newsletter, please e-mail: <a href="mailto:biology@uvic.ca">biology@uvic.ca</a> or <a href="mailto:biology@uvic.ca">bioclerk@uvic.ca</a>

# Mock MMIs (Multiple Mini Interview) Sessions

#### Mock Multiple Mini Interview Sessions at UVic (Hosted by UVic Career Services)

We are once again offering our very popular Mock Multiple Mini Interview (MMI) sessions at UVic Career Services.

- \* UVic Students and Alumni who have received a letter/email inviting them to a MMI style interview are eligible to participate.
- \* Our group Mock MMIs will be held on Friday January 27, and Friday February 24, 2017.
- \* There are no charges for these sessions.
- \* Individual practice sessions (one on one Mock MMI questions) may be arranged if the group sessions are full or have already taken place.

To register for a Mock MMI, please contact UVic Career Services: career@uvic.ca or 250-721-8421.

www.uvic.ca/coopandcareer/ http://www.uvic.ca/coopandcareer/ https://learninginmotion.uvic.ca/home.htm

### **UVic Announcements**

#### **Ecology@UVic**

A community of ecologists on campus: Open to everyone interested in the science of ecology.

A place for presenting proposals and preliminary data, sharing friendly peer-review, leading discussion on topics in ecology, and workshopping skills.

Weekly discussion group: Tuesday 12:30 to 1:30 pm in DTB 247

For more information, mailing list and to lead a discussion: <u>uvic.ecology.weebly.com</u>

#### **Diversity Research Forum 2017**

For ten years, the UVic Provost's Diversity Forum has been promoting critical conversations about diversity and social justice topics and community-engaged university scholarship.

Re-imagining Identities, Power and Privilege

The special 10th anniversary program will include sessions on:

- Gender Bias and Music
- As Long as the Sun Shines, Grass Grows and Rivers Flow: A Century and a Half Measured through Artistic Activism
- Blows against the Academy: Shifting Definitions of Scholarship
- Social Justice, Diversity and Advocacy
- Mobilizing our Words: Student Voices on the Indigenous and International Strategic Plans
- Globalization, Migration and the University: Challenges and Opportunities

January 26 and 27, 2017 at the First Peoples House and Student Union Building

Everyone Welcome - Free registration - All rooms are accessible

For more information <u>uvic.ca/diversityforum</u> or contact <u>diverse@uvic.ca</u>

#### **2017 Alumni Week: February 6 to 12, 2017**

Thinkers, changers, difference-makers

- In Conversation with Chancellor Shelagh Rogers
- Distinguished Alumni Awards
- Vikes for Life Basketball Night
- Talks, Workshops and Get-togethers



Flashback Foto Contest: uvicflashbackfotocontest.hscampaigns.com

Details and registration at alumni.uvic.ca

# **Career Pathways for Graduate Students**

#### Spring Sessions: January to April 2017

What lies beyond graduate school for you? Take part in these professional development sessions to learn how graduate school can support your career success.

#### Workshops:

"Professional Presentation Skills", Friday, January 20, 2017, 10:30 am to 12:00 pm, McPherson Library A003, Presenter: Co-op + Career



"Interview Clinic", Friday, February 3, 2017, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, McPherson Library A003, Presenter: Co-op + Career

"Developing Strong Professional Relationships to Support your Career Goals", Thursday, February 23, 2017, 3:00 to 4:30 pm, McPherson Library A003, Presenter: Co-op + Career

"The Labour Market and Work Search Strategies", Thursday, March 6, 2017, 3:00 to 4:30 pm, McPherson Library A003 Presenter: Co-op + Career

"Maintaining Momentum", Thursday, April 20, 2017, 3:00 to 4:30 pm, McPherson Library A003, Presenter: Counselling Services & Co-op + Career

For more detail information about this workshops and for registration visit: <a href="https://www.uvic.ca/coopandcareer/pathways">uvic.ca/coopandcareer/pathways</a>

## Other Universities

#### **UBC Medical Journal**

Is a student-driven academic journal striving to engage students in dialogue in medicine. UBCMJ is now accepting submissions for the Fall 2017 issue.

The theme of this issue is Precision Medicine - from fundamentals to practice, pharmacogenomics to the microbiome and companion diagnostics. The issue aims to explore the challenges and opportunities of this exciting field, and aims to identify areas of healthcare that could benefit from these advances. Overall, this field of research is becoming increasingly relevant for medical students and physicians alike; the future of clinical practice rests upon providing high quality patient centred care, and medicine that is truly personalized will sit at the heart of it.

Submissions may fall in one of the following categories: Academic Research, Reviews, Commentaries, News and Letters, and Case and Elective Reports. Accepting also submissions that do not fall into this theme. Submission deadline: March 11, 2017.

Submissions can be made via on line submission system. Https://ubcmj.com/submissions/

To encourage and recognize high quality writing, the UBCMJ Distinguished Writing Award, including a \$250 honorarium, will be presented to the authors of the strongest article submitted in the Fall 2017 and Spring 2018 issues.

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